(b) whether certain social activists of the Lok Sevak Sangh and other organisations reportedly have threatened to undertake "fast unto death" over this inordinate delay in legislation of above mentioned Bill; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto alongwith reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages that the Lokpal Bill will be enacted into law. The Government has initiated action to bring forward the Lokpal Bill, 2004.

Action against tainted officers

2321. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner had sent a list of 371 tainted officers to P.M.O. during the tenure of N.D.A. Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by N.D.A. Government on this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI). (a) and (b) As per the information given by the Central Vigilance Commission, it has not sent any such list to the P.M.O.

Corrupt officials

†2322. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that administrative officers on higher posts in the country have been found involved in corruption charges during last years;

(b) if so, the total number of officers found involved in corruption charges during the years 2002,2003 and 2004; and

(c) the number of officers, out of them, who belongs to Revenue, Administration and Police Department, separately?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.